

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2016

ATTENDEES: Paul Goodrich, Brandon Stocksdales, Polly Millet, Griffin Harris, Scott Henrikson, Rebecca Pipkin, Garr Judd, Keith White, and Tom MacDonald.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Henrikson moved to approve February 2nd Minutes. Mr. Harris seconded. All present were in favor.

UDOT BIKE LANE PROJECT

UDOT wants to extend bike lanes along State Street as far south as 800 North. Mr. Goodrich asked for input from the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) members. The TAC suggested asking UDOT the following questions:

1. Has UDOT counted current ridership on State Street bike lanes?
2. Is this project on MAG's current master plan?
3. Does this project have funding for public outreach?
4. Does anyone know how much parking gets used currently (along State Street) to gauge impact?
5. Do they have data about the usage of the parking lanes?
6. Will there be an education campaign to educate drivers to watch for cyclists?

CITY CENTER ZONING DISTRICT ORDINANCE

Mr. Stocksdales presented on the "Orem City Center District Zoning Ordinance" Study Project. Zoning Ordinance changes will help define what the future will be for the Orem City Center Area, including shops along Center Street and State Street. If we do make that area more urban, Mr. White talked about problems with traffic and road usage that would increase. Mr. Stocksdales said they plan to address pedestrian traffic, and street traffic. Mr. Stocksdales said private firms would be hired to complete Zoning Ordinances in-line with the State Street Master Plan for this node. Mr. Goodrich led a discussion about potential traffic or cycling problems that might arise. Mr. Stocksdales said they would start the study in May. Mr. White said that there is a lot of traffic on Center Street and whatever we do can't degrade traffic even further. Mr. Stocksdales said we desire for 800 North to carry a lot of the through traffic to Provo, so the plan is to make 800 North take some ridership from Center Street.

Mr. Goodrich said we have 2.2 million from UDOT to put in raised medians along State Street and to discuss that for a future meeting.

BRT PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Goodrich reminded the TAC about their recommendation to narrow landscaping along University Parkway to maximize parking for businesses. The council supported the idea, and the plan that was developed by Orem staff, UTA, and UDOT was reviewed. The left turn access into Burlington coat

factory needs to be discontinued due to accident problems and the need to lengthen the left turn lanes approaching State Street. Mr. Goodrich said that no parking stalls were lost for the car dealers. There will be retaining walls put in to maximize parking for businesses along university parkway.

Mr. Henrikson asked what types of trees can be planted without roots uprooting streets etc. Mr. Goodrich said that they would hire an expert to recommend which species of trees to users. Mrs. Pipkin asked for fruit trees 4 inch in diameter to be planted with the potential of donating fruit to the food bank. Ms. Pipkin said it would also be a good way to connect to Orem's orchard heritage. Mr. White brought up capitol reef as an example of the public sector maintaining orchards.

MAG FUNDING REQUEST UPDATE

Mr. Goodrich said Orem staff is working toward getting more money for raised medians on State Street, funding to enlarge the roundabout on 400 West 1200 South, funds to widen 1600 north from state street to I-15, and funding to improve the Murdock Canal Trail street crossings. They are trying to get a scramble cross walk on 4th east 1600 North on the Murdock trail. Part of the project costs would detect cyclists

2016 PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Goodrich will send TAC an email on the current 2016 projects. The updates include: 1600 N 400 West intersection improvements, a couple of right-turn lane projects and re-surfacing projects.

BIKE TO WORK DAY PLANNING

Mr. Goodrich said the Summerfest committee does not want the bike event to be on the Saturday of Summerfest. We will still try to do it in June. UDOT will contribute and mad dog cycles will help out as well. Ms. Pipkin asked if mad dog would be willing to work with other cycling shops in Orem so that there are multiple sponsors. Mr. Goodrich said he received complaints about the pancakes on last year's event. Mr. White asked if we could have a table out for Summerfest in order to advertise for the Saturday after. The committee decided the name should be "bike with the mayor" instead of "bike to work day".

Mr. Goodrich will invite Mr. Harris and Ms. Pipkin to any future meetings with mad dogs cycling. They will try to meet on a Thursday at 4pm.

Mr. Judd moved that we adjourn and motioned to close the meeting, Mr. Henrikson seconded. All present were in favor.

Griffin Harris, Chairperson

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